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SUBJ: SYG WALDHEIM COMMENTS ON CHILE

AT HIS SEPT 17 PRESS CONFERENCE JUST PRIOR TO OPENING
OF UNGA, SYG WALDHEIM MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS ABOUT CHILE:

QUOTE: AS REGARDS THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE, IT
IS THE PRACTICE, AS YOU KNOW, THAT THE SYG DOES NOT COMMENT
ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MEMBER STATES. LET
ME SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE HAVE BEEN
DRAMATIC AND TRAGIC, AND, QUITE APART FROM THEIR POLITICAL
IMPLICATIONS, CAN LEAVE NO ONE UNMOVED. I CAN ONLY EXPRESS
MY EARNEST HOPE THAT THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS IN CHILE
WILL BE SUCCEDED BY PEACE AND CONCILIATION.

QUESTION: YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE A REFERENCE TO THIS
POINT BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT ONE OTHER ASPECT OF IT.
OVER THE WEEKEND THERE WERE A COUPLE OF NEWS STORIES TO THE
EFFECT THAT BOTH THE WIDOW OF THE LATE PRESEDENT ALLENDE AND
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WERE ASKING YOU TO APPEAL TO THE PRESENT
GOVERNMENT FOR PROTECTION AGAINST REPRISALS AND FOR AN
END TO THE KILLING IN GENERAL. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON
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THAT AND WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SYG: THOSE APPEALS WERE MADE PUBLICLY. I DID NOT GET SPECIFIC CABLES OR LETTERS. I READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS THE REFERENCE WHICH MRS. ALLENDE MADE IN THAT REGARD EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE UN WILL DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS. SO IT IS UP TO THE FORTHCOMING GA, AND I THINK I CANNOT GO ANY FURTHER. I WISH TO SAY THAT I SENT, OF COURSE, A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TO MRS. ALLENDE.

QUESTION: BUT WHAT WOULD BE YOUR POSITION IF THE MESSAGE WAS SENT ON A PERSONAL BASIS?

SYG: WELL, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE I RECEIVE AND THE NATURE OF THE SPECIFIC REQUEST.

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE ATTACK AGAINST THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CHILE?

SYG: I DO NOT HAVE ANY CONCRETE INFORMATION BUT I WAS ASKED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF CUBA HERE IN NEW YORK A FEW DAYS AGO TO CONTACT THE MILITARY JUNTA IN SANTIAGO IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CHILE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FREELY AND SAFELY. I IMMEDIATELY SENT A CABLE TO THE MILITARY JUNTA REFERRING TO THIS REQUEST WHICH WAS MADE TO ME THROUGH THE CUBAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES--BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT--ASKING THAT ALL MEASURES BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO SECURE THE SAFE DEPARTURE OF THESE MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF CUBA IN SANTIAGO. UNQUOTE.
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